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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 4 November 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell

Mr. Reber

Mr. Kiefer

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2. China Operations - Although the stand down on China operations was still in effect, Mr. Reber reported that the Joint Chiefs were, at the time of the staff meeting, considering whether the situation called for a mission. Mr. Reber said that the ARC might be convened, depending on how the JCS meeting turned out. Mr. Bissell said that he wanted to be able to take a recommendation to General Goodpaster by noon 5 November.



ACTION:

SUSPENSE: 12 November

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4. UGF - [] reported that virtually 100 per cent of UGF pledge cards had been returned. Contributions (not including 13 sealed envelopes) totaled \$1,025. This is in excess of our quota.

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5. Distribution of Messages - No complaints were voiced over the revised and enlarged distribution of messages of more than routine interest. [] announced that he was working on a staff paper to present to Mr. Bissell which would call for the reduction of Headquarters distribution of requisition messages from the detachments.

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6. Test Schedule [] displayed and explained the [] test schedule board which is maintained on a daily basis in Operations. It shows the status of all tests in progress at [] and the in-commission status of U-2 aircraft. A summary of this schedule will be presented henceforth at each staff meeting with responsible monitoring sections briefing the rest of the staff on highlights as necessary.

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Some uncertainty developed as a result of this first briefing as to why System I testing was still listed. [] was requested to investigate and report at the next staff meeting.

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7. Requisition of Long Lead Time Items for [] - [] announced that an order had been placed for two sets of paired tubes for the [] so that the long lead time in procuring them would not be lost in case [] proves out.

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8. Overpainting [] Vehicles - The question of whether or not [] vehicles may have camouflage paint added directly to the [] arose. Staff action was assigned to [] who would refer actual testing to []

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11. [] Directive - A directive for [] has been prepared in draft, and it is to be circulated for comment to appropriate staff sections. One copy is to be given to [] when he returns to [] and he is to be advised of changes made subsequently.

In this connection, Mr. Bissell wished to differentiate between "product improvement," which is a staff responsibility of the Director of Materiel, and "new development," which is a staff responsibility of the Director of Development & Procurement.

ACTION: Col. Burke

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12. Staff Directive - As a counterpart to the [] directive, it has appeared necessary to bring up to date such staff directives as exist on the organization and functions of the DPS. [] is also coordinating the preparation of this directive. Mr. Bissell requested that a draft be prepared by 12 November. /NOTE: In a subsequent meeting it developed that because of the extensive absence of [] and Kiefer during this period, some delay would probably be necessary in the preparation of the staff directive./

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ACTION: Col. Burke, []

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13. Zoom Climb Tests - Pending discussion between [] and ARDC at Eglin AFB, zoom climb tests should be underway by 15 November. With good weather, the results should be ready within 30 days after initiation of the tests. Since there is an element of hazard in conducting these tests, a determination has been made that CHALICE contract pilots will not participate. Most probably Lockheed test pilots will perform the required U-2 flying.

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There was some discussion stimulated by Mr. Bissell to be sure the tests are conducted so as to relate to Russian (i.e., MIG-21) capability and not U.S. F-104 capability. [] explained how such considerations had been cranked into the test formula.

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[] is to forward a final test proposal to this Headquarters after his trip to Eglin.

There was general agreement that distribution of the report resulting from these tests must be restricted to those having a genuine need to know and should be controlled by the CHALICE Security Office.

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14. Aircraft Modifications - Recently new wing tip skids were fabricated and installed in U-2's prior to either this Headquarters or L/Col. [] being informed of the mod. This emphasizes the necessity for some changes in the "system" for approving aircraft modifications. Although there is no desire to restrict the informal responsibility of Lockheed for air frame performance and safety of flight, nevertheless there should be at least concurrent notification to this Headquarters and to [] of proposed modifications. A suggestion was agreed to by which minor modifications ("minor" to be defined) will be approved at the test site by [] and that major modifications will not be approved or undertaken without [] approval. Such a provision will be included in the [] Directive alluded to above.

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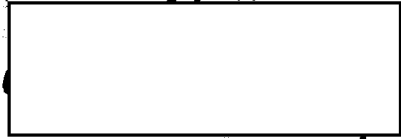
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ACTION: Mr. Reber

16. Equipment Procurement - 461L assets needed to fulfill CORONA processing requirements will be procured by DPS Materiel. These items will be processed through CHALICE channels as a paper transaction only. This will provide for acceptable accounting procedures as required by the auditors. The DPS Contracting Officer is responsible for obtaining all new equipment from manufacturers concerned and assuring its introduction into the system, while Materiel has the responsibility for acquiring required items presently on hand at any governmental agency. As a general rule, technical personnel are required to coordinate all proposed authorizations involving procurement transactions or possible monetary outlays (giving estimates and requirements) through DPS Contracting, Materiel and Finance.

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